These emiployees are not eligible to receive regular pay and allowances.

Protection of Traffic Police Personnel from Toxic Hazards

4475. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic police personnel on duty at busy intersections and the Yamuna bridge near ITO contact various diseases due to the high rate of pollution; and

(b) if so, what preventive steps Government propose to take to protect the traffic police and public from toxic hazards at such places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (b) The Delhi Police has reported that a study conducted by Central Road Research Institute on behalf of Delhi Traffic Police in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi to assess the effects of environmental pollution on the health of traffic policemen in Delhi has revealed that the health of traffic policemen working constantly in adverse and extreme environmental conditions is effected, both in the short and the long run, in the form of ill effects on his health and efficiency. On the recommendation of the study, Delhi Traffic Police is taking the following steps:

(i) The introduction of gas mask for personnel serving at heavily polluted intersections.

(ii) Rotation of Traffic Policemen in such a manner as to ensure that they do not remain posted at a polluted traffic intersection beyond a specific period of time.

(iii) Free medical check up of traffic policemen.

Encroachments on Road of Jangpura, Bhogal, New Delhi

4476. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is congestion and over crowding on the roads of Suman Bazard and Central Road of Jangpura, Bhogal, New Delhi due to encroachments by a large number of rehriwallas selling vezetables and fruits;

(b) whether heavy congestion of rehriwallas is creating traffic and law and order problems in the area;

(c) whether the shopkeepers have also set up projections on both sides of the roads and have extended their shops covering footpaths; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to remove the unauthorised rehriwallas and to clear the encroachments from the footpaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Delhi Police have reported that some of the shopkeepers have set up projection on both sides of road and extended their shops covering footpath.

(d) The following steps are being taken by the Delhi Police to clear the encroachments from the footpaths:—

(i) The local police has deployed staff for patrolling during the peak hours to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and to maintain law and order.

(ii) To check the encroachment of shopkeepers, 12845 persons were prosecuted by the Delhi Traffic Police under DP Act during the year 1992. (upto 31.7.1992)

(iii) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has also been conducting raids and taking action under section 320|321 of